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## Minutes of the Meeting held at Luddington Village Hall on 17<sup>TH</sup> September 2019 at 19:30

Present: J Warrender (JW) (Chairman), M Brayshay (MB) (Vice-Chairman),  
C Wise (CW)

In attendance: J Fleeman (JF) (Clerk), R D Armstrong (Outgoing Clerk),  
P Barnes (PB) (District Councillor), D Curtis (DC) (District Councillor)

Members of the Public 8

### 1. Record of members present

As shown above.

### 2. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received and approved from A Hegarty, R Hayden and Mike Brain (MCB) (County Councillor).

### 3. Declaration of interests in any item on the agenda

Councillors were reminded that they are required to disclose an interest in any item on the agenda.

CW declared her membership of SRAG.

### 4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

JW proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be approved and this was seconded by CW and passed unanimously.

### 5. To receive any questions or representations from the public

**5.1** Ann Jackson asked if it could be investigated why there was a hunt on the Greenway on between Wilmcote and Long Marston on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> in the early morning. PB agreed to look into the matter.

**5.2** Ann Jackson asked for clarification on the potential new route which has come to light for the SWRR. JW responded that there was no planning application for an alternative route. Cala Homes and the Planning Officer at SDC knew nothing about it until 10 days ago. Cala are investigating why SDC haven't formally told them about it. The suggested new route was discovered within the documents of the Reserved Sites Consultation publicised by SDC. All the information is in the public domain on the SDC website. JW advised that Vectos, who work for SDC, have said that if there are more than 4,000 units built in the Long Marston / Meon Vale area then the current SWRR proposal will not be fit for purpose. SDC have publicised the fact that they don't believe the reserved sites will come into play if Long Marston's development of 3,500 units goes ahead. JW reiterated that the Parish Council stance from the beginning was to take the road away from the Parish rural areas. JW also highlighted that as there is little more than a line on a map without any detail or information about how junctions will be designed, it is therefore difficult at this point in time to address how the new route might impact the Parish.

**5.3** Ann Jackson asked if the five bungalows in the DEFRA development, now referred to as Bridal Meadows (BM), were all going to be affordable housing. JW advised that there will be 7 "low cost" properties on the development which will be units 1 to 7 and a mixture of bungalows and terrace houses. These 7 properties will not be classed as affordable homes but will be sold by Cameron Homes at 60% of the market value. The criteria

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to apply will be: those who were born in Parish; those whose parents were resident when they were born; those who currently live in the Parish and have done for twelve months or more; or, those who used to live in the Parish and did so for not less than a continuous period of 3 years. The Planning Application should be approved by the end of September and application details will be published on the LPC website.

**5.4** Ann Jackson asked about the possibility of hedge trimming in the village especially opposite the Village Hall. It is obscuring road signs and is an eyesore. It was noted that hedges can't be cut between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> September. The member of the public agreed to email **JW** with details so he can then look into the matter.

**5.5** Ann Jackson asked if there was anything that could be done for the homeless man who sometimes sleeps on a bench in the village. He apparently works nights in town but will not go into a refuge as he fears for his safety. **JW** said this was news to the Council and agreed the LPC will look into this matter.

**5.6** Ann Jackson enquired about what is being done to reduce dangerous speeding in the Parish. **JW** affirmed that the Parish Council was of the opinion that it would be ideal if the speed limit was amended to 30mph on the Luddington Road and 20mph through the village. **JW** reported however that LPC has tried many avenues with the relevant authorities but thus far has made no progress. The result of the traffic survey LPC carried out showed 85% wanted flashing VAS lights like Binton have. This will not be allowed by the Department of Transport or Warwickshire County Council Highways Department as we don't fit the criteria, even if LPC pays for the installation and maintenance. This is because the Traffic Regulation Orders on Luddington Road state that the road is classified with a 40mph limit. The local speedwatch group, although enthusiastic at the outset, disbanded due to drivers shouting abuse at volunteers, and also the data that was collected did not result in any action against speeding drivers. All this considered, there is some progress, and after much correspondence with WCC **JW** will table a motion to spend £500 for an appointment from a highways safety engineer to assess the road for safety and advise what might help.

**5.7** David Heyworth asked if roadside parking in the village could also be assessed as he felt this was just as dangerous as speeding. **JW** was uncertain this would be included, but his point was noted.

**5.8** David Heyworth also asked for assurance that LPC and SDC are taking on board the climate crisis. **DC** advised that development is largely led by central government. However, he does fully take this point on board.

## **6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered in the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

## **7. To Select a Candidate for a Vacancy for Councillor by co-option**

This matter will remain on the Agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as the potential candidates were not able to attend.

## **8. County Councillor's Report**

**MCB** was unable to attend the meeting but circulated his report in advance attached as Appendix B.

## **9. District Councillors' Reports**

**PB** reported as follows:

**9.1.1** There is great concern in all the villages about reserve sites. There is a consultation on Friday.

**9.1.2** The train company on the old Army Camp at Long Marston has had its first big order for new trains for the Isle of Wight incorporating Birmingham University's liquid nitrogen self-drive. This will mean that the loop that turns left and south at Honeybourne will now have to turn right as well and be reinstated as all the trains will be delivered by rail.

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**9.1.3** All the other industrial units at Long Marsdon still haven't got planning permission. Unfortunately, the builders prefer to build houses.

**9.1.4** The DEFRA site is due to be agreed in a fortnight. **JW** reiterated that there will be an email address for registering interest with Cameron Homes which can be circulated.

**9.1.5** There is reason to believe that there is an ongoing issue between Gloucester and Coventry dioses regarding the possibility of 90 acres of sand and gravel to come out at Weston on Avon. This is partly because new road access is needed.

**DC** reported as follows:

**9.2.1 DC** asked for **JW** to email a summary and contacts regarding the speeding issue in the Parish so he can support where possible.

**9.2.2. DC** reported that there was a meeting yesterday regarding the speed limit through the new development in Shottery.

## 10. Clerk's Report

**JW** highlighted that the new Clerk has another part-time employment with Wicked London Production Ltd as Finance Manager and this was acknowledged as acceptable by all present.

The Clerk reported that £11,819.31 was held in the Community account as at 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

Alexander Ewins	Bus shelter cleaning	100856	22.00
Alex Gretton	Grass Cutting	100857	354.00
R. D. Armstrong	Expenses	100858	54.03
R. D. Armstrong	Wages (Final payment)	100859	616.51
Joanna Fleeman	Wages (September only)	100860	176.00
HMRC	PAYE JF and RDA	100861	71.80

**JW** proposed that the payments be approved, and this was seconded by **CW** and passed unanimously.

All correspondence received by the Council has been forwarded to members by email.

## 11. Affordable Housing

The results of the survey have been received and has been posted for review by councillors.

## 12. Planning Updates

**SWRR; 18/01883/FUL** Construction of a South Western Relief Road to Stratford-upon-Avon extending between the A3400 Shipston Road near Orchard Hill Farm and the Luddington Road/B439 Evesham Road. The proposed road incorporates: a Bridge Structure over the River Avon; **Objection, Determine by 30/9/2019. (ALSO SEE BELOW LMA3100) On 27/6/19 Cala have advised that further info regarding S22 queries may not be available until at least end of October. Latest as of 4/9/19;** Within the SDC reserved sites consultation

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documents there is a Technical Transport assessment document with a potentially revised route for the SWRR. JW and CW attended the SDC briefing on 3/9/19 and questioned SDC officers but no confirmation as to whether this route is a serious proposal. It appears that Cala executives had not seen this until 4/9/19. The route indicated would begin prior to traffic reaching Clifford Garden Centre and cross the Greenway, River, Luddington Road (approx. halfway point) and go on to join the A46 around the Wildmoor area. **The assessment has identified that “to incorporate development beyond the 3500 houses at LMA, there is a requirement for a revised alignment link road to replace the currently proposed SWRR which removes the need for LMA trips to route through Clifford Chambers. Once this link road is delivered, alongside grade separation on the A46, up to 3,000 additional dwellings can be accommodated at the LMA area before the model becomes unstable.”**

**18/01892/OUT Long Marston Airfield** Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a phased development comprising up to 3,100 new homes (Class C2/C3), employment (Use Classes B1(a)-(c)) including a business park of approximately 5.7h. **LPC Objection, Determine by 30/9/2019.**

**19/01750/REM Veterinary Investigation Centre** Luddington Road Luddington; Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 18/00940/OUT for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 20 dwellings with associated open space and infrastructure; **LPC originally posted an objection. After further consultations with Cameron Homes, expressing issues raised, LPC have been satisfied with responses, modifications and actions taken by the developer and updated SDC with comments supporting the proposals.**

**19/01402/OUT Land South Of The A46** West Of The Proposed Western Relief Road Alcester Road Stratford-upon-Avon View MapProposalHybrid planning application comprising: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for a mixed use business park comprising offices (B1a), research and development (B1b), light industry (B1c), general industrial (B2), storage and distribution (B8), car showrooms. (resubmission of application 17/03629/OUT) **LPC OBJECTION The proposal described above will be considered at Planning Committee B on 18 September 2019. 6.15pm. Local Inquiry into the above appeal will be held on 12 November 2019 starting at 10.00am. The Inquiry is expected to last up to 6 days. On 12, 13 & 14 November 2019 the Inquiry will be held in The Seymour Room at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR. On 15, 19 & 20 November 2019 the Inquiry will be held at The Council Offices, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX.**

**19/02366/FUL Old Church House** Luddington Road Luddington CV37 9SD Proposed replacement roof with dormer windows to provide increased first floor accommodation including small ground floor extension to square off footprint. **Comment by 25<sup>th</sup> September, Determine by 29<sup>th</sup> October.** JW proposed that this application is supported by LPC, MB seconded and it was passed unanimously.

**19/02285/LBC Boddington Farm** Luddington Road Luddington CV37 9SD (amendments to 16/03219/LBC) Application Type; Listed Building Consent. Mostly internal, and some external alterations following the discovery during existing permitted works of unstable and unsuitable previous modifications and some materials having reached the end of their life. Internal walls and beams. Repairs will be in traditional and where possible reclaimed materials so that buildings can be retained in current form and appearance. Pre-application discussions have been made with LPA. **Comment by 4/10/19, Determine 31/10/19.** JW proposed that this application is supported by LPC, CW seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Notice of Decision for Planning Application 19\_01995\_LDP – Caravan at 11 Stannells Close Permitted 15/8/19 (Permitted development; For Information Only)

WCC have issued an updated notice for 3-way Traffic Lights at junction of Luddington Road/Evesham Road for (was 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019) 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for a period of 1 year to commence new roundabout. A Construction Management Plan has not been submitted by Bloor Hallam under condition 6 of approval. JW has been in contact with SDC and Bloor on this subject. On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 Bloor sub-contracted the clearance of the Luddington Road hedgerow in its entirety, 16/00737/REM (pursuant to outline planning permission 09/02196/OUT). Concerning health & safety, JW along with some residents have requested some fencing to cordon off the brook. **Breach of planning enquiry now underway with WCC.**

407 Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

J Warrender (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. DEFRA Site

See 5. and 12. Above.

## 14. Environment

**MB** reported that he spoke to Helen Kingdon at Charles Russell Speechlys LLP acting on behalf of Lord Hartford and Ragley Estate. She advised that they might not be able to deal directly with LPC regarding the conveyancing. It was discussed that the fees quoted by Robert Lunn and Lowth to act on LPC's behalf were too high. **MB** agreed to go back to Helen Kingdon to ask again if they will deal directly with LPC. Prior to publication of these minutes, it has been agreed that the Ragley Solicitors will be able to deal directly with LPC.

**MB** is researching the history of the footpaths either side of the weir to see if historically there was a physical link between the two sides.

## 15. Health & Safety

**JW** advised that the Localities and Partnerships Manager from WCC could attend the next LPC meeting at 7pm to give a presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

## 16. Traffic Management

See 5. Above.

**JW** proposed a motion that, further to his communication with the Traffic & Road Safety Group at WCC, the Parish Council approve a payment of £500 initially for a Traffic Engineer Assessment on Luddington Road. This was seconded by **CW**, and passed unanimously.

## 17. Crime Prevention & Fire Safety

No matters to report.

## 18. Communication & Engagement

**MB** reported that the mobile library will be visiting the village, a date is yet to be advised. **MB** will ask the Village Hall committee if they could chase this up.

**JW** suggested that there could perhaps be more regular newsletters. Councillors were advised to email anything that could be included to **JF**.

**JW** advised that the second round of the County Councillor's fund is open and gave paperwork to David Heyworth who may find it useful regards to Village Hall renovations.

## 19. Business for future consideration

**JF** suggested that the budget for 2019/20 be considered in first draft form at the next meeting.

## 20. Any Other Business

**JW** thanked the outgoing Clerk and mentioned that everyone was enormously grateful for the wonderful work he has done for LPC and that he will be hugely missed.

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## 21. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Luddington Village Hall at the **earlier time of 19.00 to accommodate the JSNA presentation**

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

## Notes

Abbreviations used:	JW	-	J Warrender	LPC Chairman
	CW	-	C Wise	LPC Councillor
	AJH	-	A Hegarty	LPC Councillor
	MB	-	M Brayshay	LPC Vice-Chairman
	RH	-	R Hayden	LPC Councillor
	MCB	-	M Brain	WCC Councillor
	PB	-	P Barnes	SDC Councillor
	DC	-	D Curtis	SDC Councillor
	SDC	-	Stratford District Council	
	LPC	-	Luddington Parish Council	
	SRAG	-	Stratford Residents Action Group	
	WCC	-	Warwickshire County Council	
	LMAGV	-	Long Marston Garden Village	
	ANT	-	Avon Navigation Trust	